Implementation of Fourth Pay Commission Recommendation by Delhi Administration

1524. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Fourth Pay Commission has recommended for workers a minimum wage of Rs. 1050/- but the Delhi Administration has failed to implement it; and

so, what is the position as at present in different States and U.Ts., and Government's guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Fourth Pay Commission has not made any recommendation concerning workers. The Government has however accepted the Pay Commission's recommendations concerning Group 'B', 'C' and 'D' employees of the Central Government.

(b) As the Fourth Pay Commission's recommendations are concerning Central Government employees, the questions of issuing any guidelines to State Governments/Union Territories Administrations does not arise.

Environmental Working Group for Tehri Dam

1525. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the environmental Working Group for Tehri Dam has rejected the Project and opined that (i) the hill sides are instable, (ii) deforestation would be extensive, (iii) the location is on highly sensitive seismic zone and (iv) that an earthquake in the area would threaten the entire population of Rishikesh and Hardwar; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) whether a substantial portion of the recent Rs. 2000 crores Soviet assistance has been earmarked for this environmentally rejected project; if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Even though the Environmental Working Group for Tehri Dam has opined that

—some segments of the reservoir slopes are unstable;

—deforestation and degradation specially in Bhagirathi is extensive;

—the project is located in a highly sensitive seismic zone; and

—the failure of the dam or the hill slopes would threaten the entire popula of Rishikesh and Hardwar;

it has not made a categorical recommendation for approving or rejecting the proposal, leaving this decision to the Government. The Government have, however, decided to go ahead with the project.

(b) A substantial portion of the Soviet assistance is earmarked for the Tehri Dam project which has already been approved by the Government.

Hindu Migrants from Afghanistan not considered as Refugees by the UNO

1526. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that UNO considers as refugees in India from Afghanistan only those persons who are Muslims, etc, and that Hindus amongst them are not recognised as such by the said Organisation; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to this discrimination on the basis of religion and also what action has been taken in the matter and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALIERO): (a) and (b) The concerned UN Organisation has assured us that there is no discrimination in assistance being provided to Afghan nationals curently resident in India.

Migration to Other Countries by Indian Settlers in Fiji

1527. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that an increasing number of India settlers in Fiji are selling off their property and migrating to other countries;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for their migration; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government have seen reports to the effect that some persons of Indian origin are migrating from Fiji due to certain economic and social reasons.

(c) Since the persons in question are Fijian nationals of Indian origin Government regard this as an internal affair of Fiji.

Citizenship for India-Born Nepalese Children

1528. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in December, 1986 in Darjeeling the Prime Minister had stated that granting of citizenship to Nepalese children born in India after 1950 was warranting serious thought and would be looked into as per the report in the *Times of India* dated 21st December, 1986; and

(b) if so, what progress has been made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The words attributed to the Prime Minister are not correct. The Prime Minister stated the correct position under law, which is under the provisions of Articles 5 and 6 of the Constitution of India read with Section 3 of the Citizenship Act, 1955, children born in India, irrespective of the national status of their parents are automatically citizens of India. This position will continue till the amendments made *vide* Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 1986, to Citizenship Act come into force.

Inclusion of Nepali Language in The Eighth Schedule of the Constitution

1529. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in December last the Prime Minister had stated in Darjeeling that three or four languages were waiting to be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution and that Nepalese was one of them as reported in the Statesman of the 21st December, 1986; if so, what are the names of the languages and the action taken so far in this regard;

(b) whether some amendments in the Constitution are to be made to meet this and some other demands of the Nepalese; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The news item which appeared in the